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Mr. Doug Linkhart
Director, City of Denver
Department of Environmental Health
200 West 14th Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80204

Re: Vasquez Boulevard/Interstate 70 Superfund
Site, follow-up to April 5, 2013 meeting

Dear Mr. Linkhart:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would like to thank you for your time and interest in meeting with us and the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment (CDPHE) regarding the EPA's proposed next steps for completing its work at Operable Unit 1 (OU1) of the Vasquez Boulevard/Interstate 70 Superfund Site. I believe that we all reached a better understanding of the issues facing us regarding OU1.

We discussed a number of points and identified several action items during our meeting, which the EPA summarized and sent in an email to all attendees on Monday, April 8, 2013. A copy of that email is enclosed hereto. The EPA has continued to follow up on these remaining action items.

This letter is intended to explain what the EPA will do in regard to unresolved residential properties, in the event a property owner provides access in the future. As long as I am head of the Superfund program in the EPA Region 8, I am committed to having the EPA explore, along with the State and the City, all available options to either sample and/or perform a soil cleanup at a residential property where necessary, should an owner provide access and request assistance in the future. While the EPA cannot anticipate its budget in future years, the EPA is committed to working cooperatively with the State and the City to address these remaining residential properties, should access be provided and should resources allow.

At the meeting, the EPA also agreed that, should new information concerning the environmental condition of a property become available, the EPA or the State will file a notice in the property records reflecting this new information. Toward that end, we have drafted an example of such an additional notice, based on hypothetical new information which we sent to the City and State on

April 11, 2013. Since an additional notice would address the specific situation at a particular property, this is only an example of what such a notice might state.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (303) 312-6776 or email me at hestmark.martin@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



Martin Hestmark
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Ecosystem Protection and Remediation

Enclosure: copy of email dated April 8, 2013

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